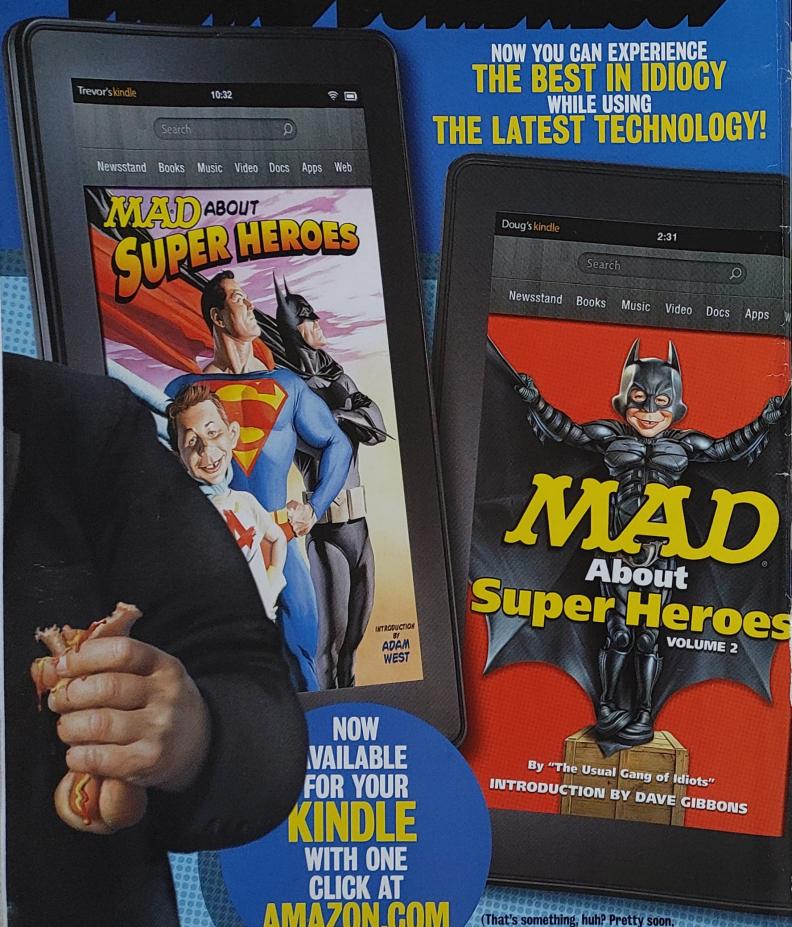


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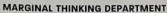


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TIGER, TIGER, NOT SO BRIGHT

As appreciative as I am of the insights and penetrating humor of your publication, my appreciation of #513 was marred by a typo in item 10 ("Tiger Moms") of your MAD 20. Having just returned from several years of work in China to the "Tiger Mom" phenomenon in all its hubristic, racist excess, I was enthralled by this article until I encountered the term "Laogia" – which is a typo. The word you were referring to is "Laogai." While the typo detracted somewhat from your brilliant article on this subject, I'm presuming that all MAD readers are multilingual and that your mailbox is overflowing with letters from others who caught this typo even before I did.

Kirby Vining · Washington, DC

Kirby Your Enthusiasm — Amazingly, you're the first to notice that mistake. You're also the first to use the term "hubristic, racist excess" in the letters pages (we're guessing you were super-duper-popular in China)! But it's not our readers' fault for overlooking that typo — after all, they were raised by lazy, shiftless American mothers who never bullied them into studying 12 hours a day! Their loss! —Ed.

GETTING TO THE ART OF THE MATTER

If you were in the Seattle area recently, hopefully you stopped by Urban Light Studios to see their exhibit, "It's a MAD MAD MAD MAD Show: Inspirations from MAD Magazine." It featured a bunch of MAD-themed artwork from a bunch of different non-MAD artists. If you missed it, don't beat yourself up (seriously, life goes on, you know?) — you can check out a ton of pics from the show at urbanlightstudios.com!





Dave Bloomfield





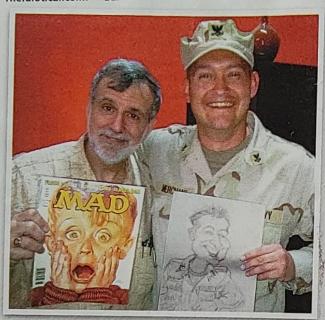
Xavler Lopez, Jr.

ALL SAILS FINAL

It was real cool to see your art director Sam at one of our USO tents in Kuwait for the troops! He gave a great drawing of myself and signed one issue he worked on back from 1991! It's people like him who bring "home" a little closer and make the madness of deployment a little better.

Sean Merchant, Sailor Sean Stuck in the Sand, NAVELSG-FORWARD • Bravo Company

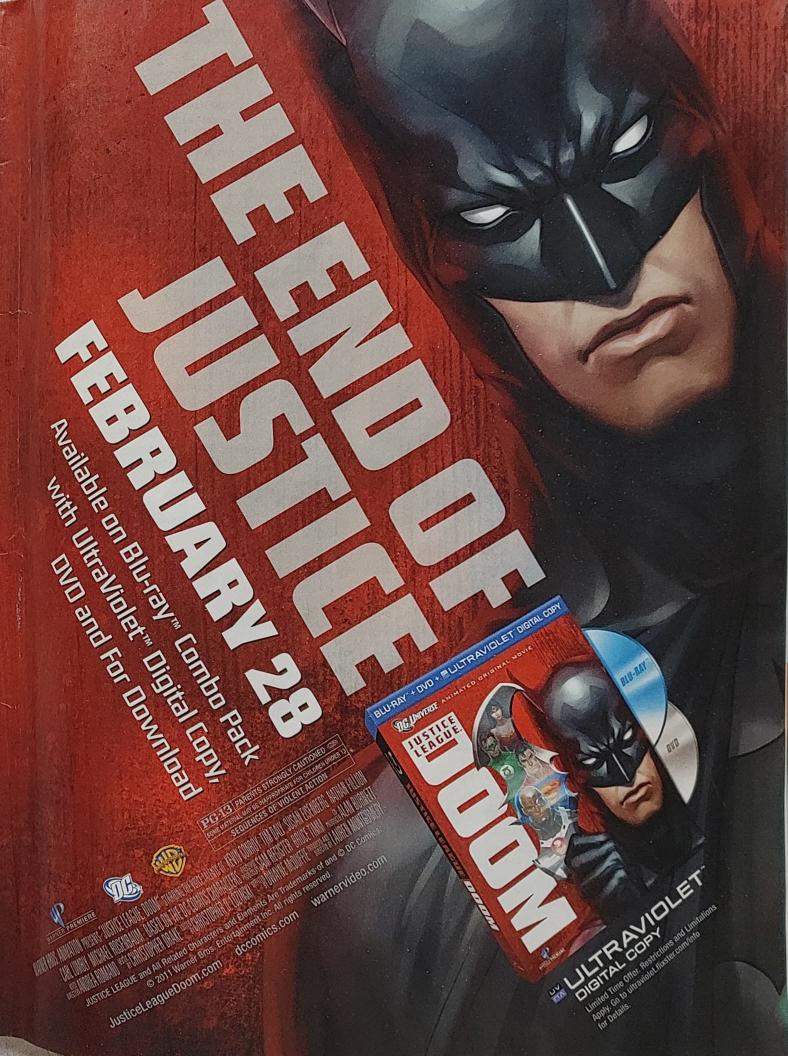
Merch Table — First off, thank you for your service. Secondly, an even BIGGER thank you for taking Sam off our hands for a few days! (That guy can be more trouble than a Lohan!) For those of you who didn't know, back in October, MAD Art Director Sam Viviano went with members of the National Cartoonists Society on a USO trip to Kuwait, Germany and an undisclosed location in Southwest Asia to entertain the troops. At least, that's what it was supposed to be about — we have serious suspicions that Sam only went so that he could get the free airline headphones. You can read all about Sam's experiences overseas on our blog, Theldiotical.com! —Ed.



THE DUMB PERCENT

First, on Sunday, I went to Occupy Wall Street as the Black Spy. So if you see a kid in a Spy vs. Spy costume, it's me. Second, in issue 512, in the MAD departments, it said that on page 39 you would have "MAD Asks: What If Pirates Wore Gloves?" Instead, I found part of "Punitive Damages." Rory MacLeod • Montclair, NJ

MacLeody With a Chance of Meatballs — Hmmm...those two things seem unrelated, but we think we understand. After looking for that article and not finding it where you were told it'd be, you felt betrayed. You'd been lied to by a large, heartless corporation (that's us!) and felt angry. You yearned to have your voice heard — and that's how you wound up at OWS. Wow! We can't help but wonder how many others are at Zuccotti Park just because of MAD and our sloppy index paging! Could we appease this entire movement just by making a simple correction? Could it really be that easy to bring peace back to the warring classes?!? Unfortunately, we'll never know. After all, we're not only large and heartless, but also remarkably lazy. So stop whining and get a job, hippie! —Ed.



Letters and **Tomatoes**

SPY FAMILY REUNION

Some family reunions are just cooler than others. Case in point - take a look at what happened when the family of Spy vs. Spy creator Antonio Prohias got together! His son Antonio and his daughter Marta Rosa Pizarro Prohias (in front, wearing red shirts) got in the full Spy spirit! Maybe we're getting overly sentimental, but we just have a special place in our heart for any family that purchases that much MAD merchandise!



THE NIFTY FIFTY

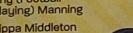
It's time for another installment of Ed.'s Nifty FiftyTMI When it comes to Celebrity Snaps, this list is the best of the best - the ones we want more than any others! That's where you come in! Send in your non-returnable photographs of the celeb holding an issue via snail mail or to our e-mail

address (letters@madmagazine.com - put "Nifty Fifty" in the subject line) What's in it for you? Why, you heartless mercenaries! If we print your Nifty Fifty Celebrity Snap, you'll win a free two-year subscription to MAD! To sweeten things even more - if your Nifty Fifty Celebrity Snap is one of the first SIX that we print, you'll also get an awesome limited-edition "Batman Black and White" statue by Sergio Aragonés!



- Michele Bachmann
- Jennifer Aniston
- Justin Bieber
- · Will Smith
- · Any (White House-Living) Obama
- Any (Culture-Destroying) Kardashian
- LeBron James
- Tom Cruise
- Rebecca Black
- Mika Brzezinski
- · Louis C.K.
- Herman Cain

- · Anu (Football-Playing) Manning
- Chaz Bono
- Larry David
- Daniel Craig
- Betty White
- Stephen Hawking
- Joel Osteen
- Ricky Gervais
- Jason Bateman
- Helen Mirren
- Rex Ryan
- Albert Pujols











- The Tiger Mom
- Rihanna
- Rooney Mara
- Woody Allen
- Fidel Castro
- N.J. Gov. Chris Christie
- Jim Cramer
- Rachel Maddow
- Kobayashi
- Jim Parsons
- Robert Downey Jr.
- Any Astronaut (Must Be in Uniform)
- Jason Segel

care? No! But one more thing — why does it take 2 months for each MAD? There is a MAD TV episode every week. Why not the magazine? Ben Hantske • Annapolis, MD Hants in the Pants — That's a very good question. It seems like a

I am 12 years old. I am a huge fan of the magazine. I have been reading it since I was five and I still remember when

I got in trouble for reading MAD in 2nd grade because my teacher thought it was a bad influence. But do you think I

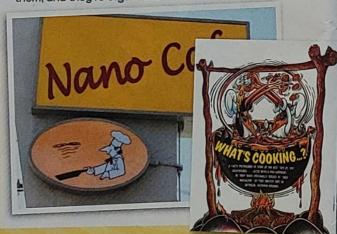
TV show would be harder to create than a magazine — and that a magazine would come out more often than a TV show, right? But you're forgetting one very important factor — and

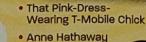
NOT-SO-URGENT ISSUES

we repeat — we're extremely lazy! On the other hand, when was the last time you picked up an issue of MAD, only to discover it's a rerun? Hmmmm?!? —Ed.

SPY VS. SPY SIGHTING?

An eagle-eyed reader sent in this picture of the Nano Café in Monrovia, CA, adding, "I think the White Spy may be moonlighting as a fry cook. Or maybe the food he's flipping Is poisoned. Well, it's not an exact match, but it reminded me of Spy vs. Spy." It rang a bell for us, too - just take a look at the back cover of MAD's Big Book of Spy Vs. Spy Capers and Other Surprises! Hey, Nano Cafe, if we're ever in town, we expect our crepes to be on the house - ya follow? Unless you want to hear from the Prohias family! Trust us, you don't want that - just take a look at that family portrait - there's a lot of them, and they're organized!

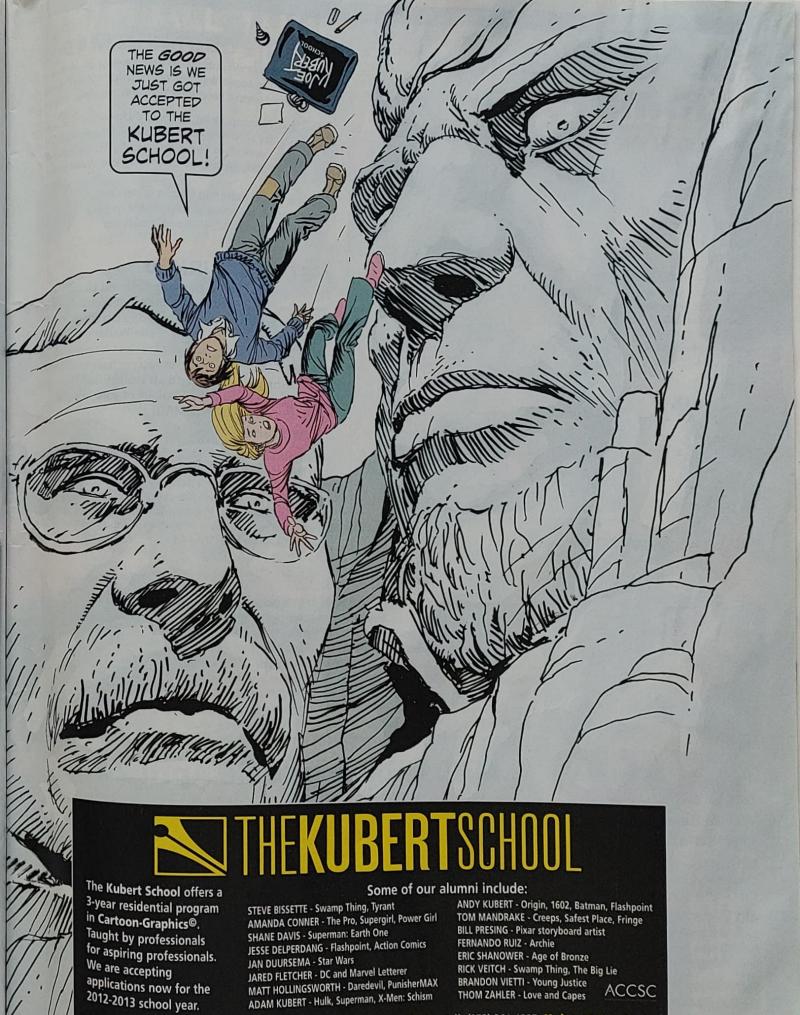




- Tim Tebow
- Katy Perry
- Amy Poehler
- Justin Timberlake
- Mark Zuckerberg
- Any (Money-Lovin') Trump
- George Takei
- Mila Kunis
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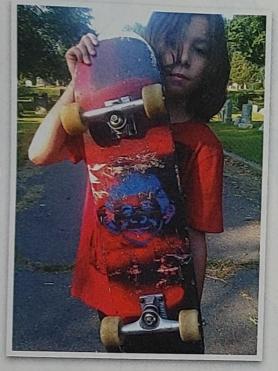
MAD FAN OF THE MONTH

I am 10 years old and I made a skateboard that I think you might like, I used an old MAD stencil.

Shiva Carey New Haven, CT

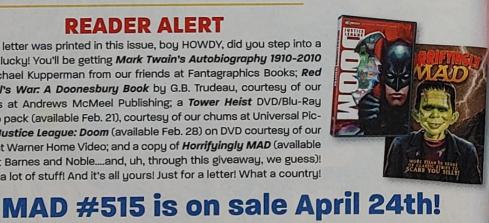
Carey On - That's a pretty impressive skateboard. Remember, the more rail slides you do, the faster you'll get that hideous face off your deck! -Ed.





READER ALERT

If your letter was printed in this issue, boy HOWDY, did you step into a pile of lucky! You'll be getting Mark Twain's Autobiography 1910-2010 by Michael Kupperman from our friends at Fantagraphics Books; Red Rascal's War: A Doonesbury Book by G.B. Trudeau, courtesy of our amigos at Andrews McMeel Publishing; a Tower Heist DVD/Blu-Ray combo pack (available Feb. 21), courtesy of our chums at Universal Pictures, Justice League: Doom (available Feb. 28) on DVD courtesy of our buds at Warner Home Video; and a copy of Horrifyingly MAD (available only at Barnes and Noble....and, uh, through this giveaway, we guess)! That's a lot of stuff! And it's all yours! Just for a letter! What a country!



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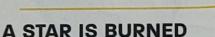
were amazed when it happened TWICE in the same time period "As a cartoonist, the only thing better than working for MAD Magazine is to have done something big enough to be made fun of by MAD Magazine." Tony Moore, co-creator of The Walking Dead

THE QUOTABLE MAD We know it sounds unbelievable, but every once in a while,

someone says something nice about MAD! Which is why we

"For me, I knew that I had made it in my career when I was in MAD Magazine and I got to play with the Muppets." - Whoopi Goldberg





My brothers and I love your magazine and your TV show, even though that probably means we're losers. Anyhow, I love how you guys are always writing parodies of our favorite movies and TV shows ("The Walking Dud" hilarious!), but do the stars and creators love it when you make fun of them? Do you ever receive hate mail and/ or threatening emails from p'd off celebrities? If so, don't worry. They're probably just jealous of your superior journalism skills. Long live MAD!

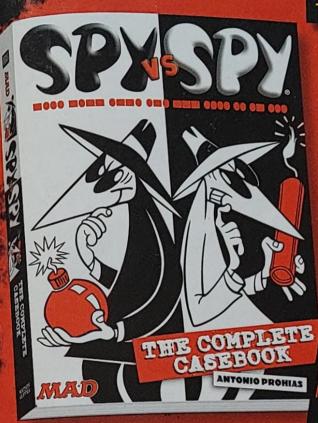
Michael Bowling · Puxico, MO

Bowling for Columbine — Most celebrities love when they show up in MAD — in fact, you can see what a couple of stars think about it, right on this very letters page (including one of the creators of The Walking Dead)! Not everyone is that happy, though. We're still getting death threats from Alan Thicke for unleashing our superior journalism skills on Growing Pains. (Heheh, we called it "Groaning Pains"!) —Ed.



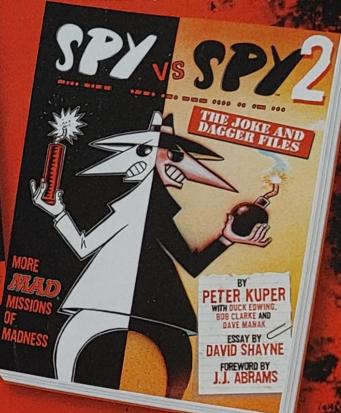


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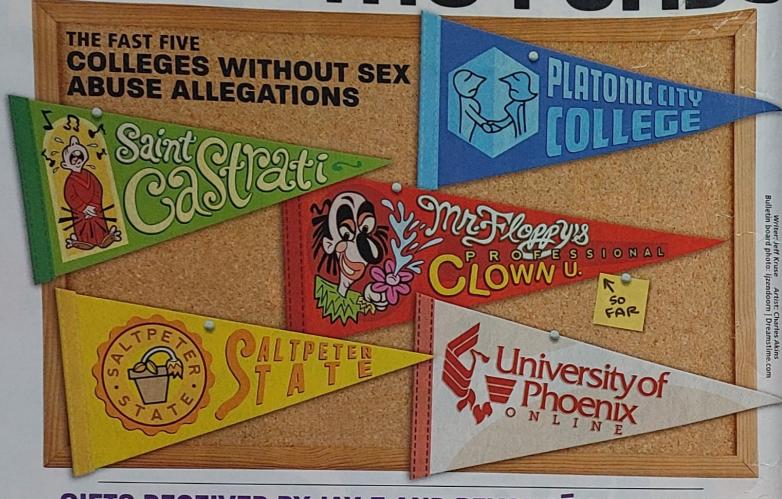
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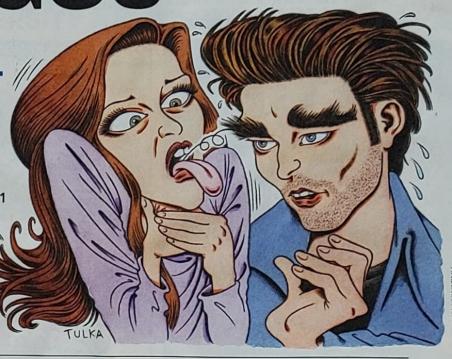


Autographed Photo of Kanye West

Lini Pages

Celebrity Cause-of-Death
Betting Odds
KRISTEN STEWART

- Terminal pout......1:1
- Chokes to death on stray
 Robert Pattinson eyebrow hair.....2:1
- Brain aneurysm brought on by attempting to display an emotion onscreen......3:1
- Dies from food poisoning (along with Lou Ferrigno and Erik Estrada) after eating at "iffy" taco cart at Toledo Sci-fi Festival, 2024......Even money



Artist: Rick Tulka

Cards from "Monopoly: The Mitt Romney Edition"

Slim Chance

AT A CAMPAIGN STOP IN IOWA, PROCLAIM THAT "CORPORATIONS ARE PEOPLE, MY FRIEND."

LOSE CAUCUS TO RICK SANTORUM



Slim Chance

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ATTEMPT TO WIN OVER OUT-OF-WORK VOTERS BY TELLING THEM "I'M ALSO UNEMPLOYED."

BECOME A NATIONAL JOKE



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WHILE ON THE STUMP IN NEW HAMPSHIRE, BRAG THAT YOU "ENJOY FIRING PEOPLE!"

SOLIDIFY YOUR IMAGE AS A COLD-HEARTED CORPORATE VULTURE



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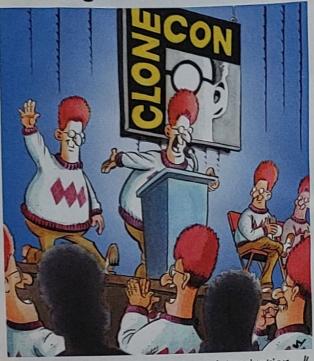
REVEAL THAT LAST YEAR YOU COLLECTED "NOT VERY MUCH" IN SPEAKING FEES: \$374,000.

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OUT-OF-TOUCH AUTOCRAT



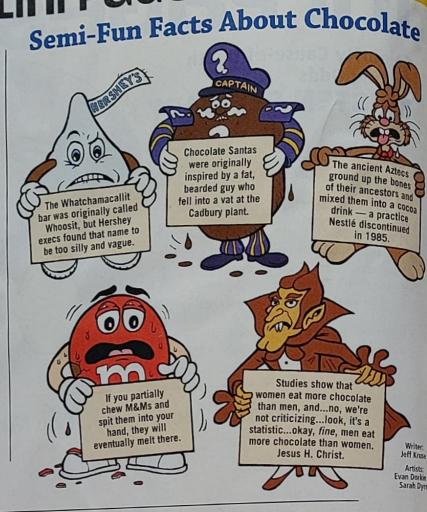
THE FUNDALINI Pages

The Yungbluth & The Restless



"And now, a man who needs no introduction...

Writer and Artist: Jason Yungbluth



LINES SURE TO GET APPLAUSE AT GOP DEBATES



THE STARTLING SIMILARITIES BETWEEN HARVARD UNIVERSITY AND CLOWN COLLEGE

I ECTURE HALL 102

The typical class makeup is filled with diversity



In both cases, the faculty tends to be made up of tenure-secured, Sixties relics



Students from both indulge in typical campus hijinks such as panty raids



Both institutions of higher learning offer extensive work with lab animals



Come end of semester, students on both campuses can be found researching 5,000-word papers on subjects about which nobody gives a damn



A degree from either school opens doors

THE FUNDALINI PAGES

PRODUCT ACRONYMS YOU NEVER KNEW EXISTED: TECH EDITION



Friendly Application Can Enable Bullying Of Other Kids



Knock Into Nearly
Everything Controlling This



Limited Electricity Affects
Feasibility



Plays A Never-ending
Deluge Of Repetitive Artists

Inspection Tags You Wish You Never Saw

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Victoria's Secret
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Inspector 22.

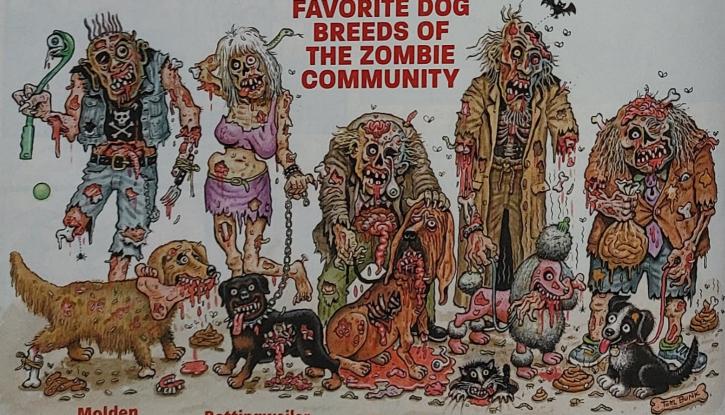
If you find an odd sock in this package, it means the matching sock was deemed substandard and therefore not included.

Inspected with all the love and care of someone making less than the minimum wage.

This highspeed power saw has been inspected and tested by Lefty.

This is a Dollar Store item. Did you really expect anyone to inspect it?!?

Writer, Dick DeBartolo



Rottingweiler

Bloodhound (Duh!)

Stench Poodle Border Collie (some zombies have conventional taste)

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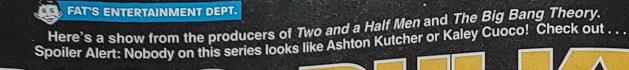
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I'm looking to shed a few pounds. About three hundred! People think overweight people are always jolly, but that's not true. I'm not a happy camper.
In fact, many people on the highway think I am a camper. But I'm not a happy camper!

Uh, we were looking for more positive messages. Perhaps someone else would like to share! Hello, my name is Bulky! I'm a big girl, but I had a pretty fair week. I dropped six pounds — Illost a hangnail! When I die, here's the way I want to go — I want to be run over by a rolling buffet cart! I haven't met anyone I liked. Until now. I think I'm kind of attracted to the parade float!

a camper. But I'm not a happy camper! HALL

Wow! There's a thing between Bigg and Bulky!

That's what our show is about — two chubbies going at it. It could be a beautiful thing! Or, more likely, it could be a run-of-the-mill dating comedy with fat jokes.

Well, yeah, that too!

A new world's record for MAD Magazine is being broken in this splash!

Most fat jokes ever in a splash?

Not comedy — a record for INK. Most ink used to draw two characters! They demolished the record held by Roseanne and John Goodman from back in MAD #287!

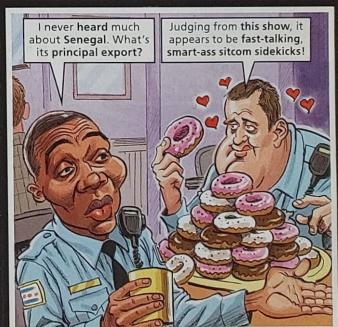
Ya know, this exchange wasn't that funny! I told you, we're not talking comedy. We're talking ink, man, ink!







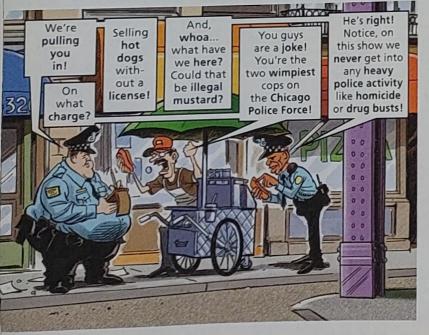






























As phones get smarter, their users seem to get dumber! There's no app for proper behavior when using these expensive, time-sucking devices! But there IS the following article! Now get your elbows off the freakin' table and learn from...

The MAD Guide to **SMARTPHONE** ETIQUETTE

WRITER: KENNY KEIL

ARTIST: TIM HAMILTON



Set some time aside every night to get together as a family and post on each others' Facebook walls.

















With the release of Twilight: Breaking **OWN** mediocre vampire plotlines chested millions in no time with. Dawn, Part 2, the Twilight Saga despair — because now, thanks You'll be raking in the sparkleto MAD, you can crank out your is coming to an end! But don't









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THE WEREWOLVES



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COUNT CHOCULA









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YOUTUBE'S COMMENTS SECTION.

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THEIR WRATH

THUMS HILLS

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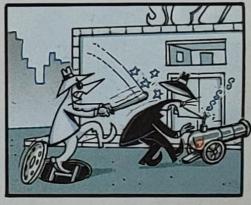


























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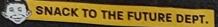












The world is hungry...
if only there were large expanses of
unused land where we could
grow food...

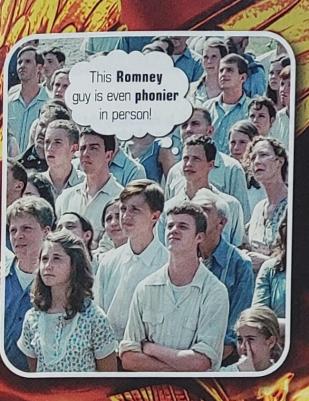
I swear, if they
force us to reenact
the dance from "Thriller"
one more time...

This is the last time I ever go on a Japanese game show!

MAD's Dreadfully Undercooked THE HUNGER







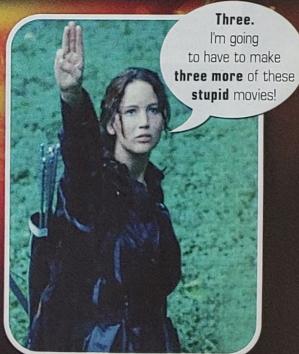


Look, I know you can whistle "Stairway to Heaven," but that won't help us now!

GAMES Outtakes

I'm not shy... this is just where I go to fart!





THE NAD VAULT A classic article from MAD #207 • June 1979

THE BULL OF RIGHTS DEPT.

One of the greatest glories of our nation is "The Constitution." It assures us of our Rights in our Democracy. If you're an Adult, that is! But if you happen to be a Kid, it doesn't apply! Oh sure, it's supposed to protect everybody, but today there's one group that violates the Constitutional Rights

PARENTS ARE UNCONSTITU

AMENDMENT I (There shall be) "...no law...abridging the freedom of speech...'

AMENDMENT I (There shall be) "...no law...abridging the right of people to peaceably assemble ... "



AMENDMENT V ..nor shall any person ... for the same offense... be twice put in jeopardy of life and limb ...



If you think we're going to allow a bunch of bums to use Get them We weren't doing out of anything...just this place as a clubhouse, here this listening to you got another think coming instant!! some albums...

AMENDMENT V "No person...shall be compelled ... to be a witness against himself ...



of Kids constantly. Know who they are? The Commies? The Nazis? No, they're much closer to home! Take a look at this article, and you'll see why we say...



ARTIST: PAUL COKER WRITER: STAN HART

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AMENDMENT I
(The people have a right) "...to petition for a redress of grievances..."



"...nor shall private property be taken for public use without just compensation..."



AMENDMENT I

(There shall be) "...no law respecting an establishment of religion..."



AMENDMENT IV

"The right...to be secure against...unreasonable searches and seizures shall not be violated..."



AMENDMENT VI
"...the accused shall enjoy the right to a speedy...trial..."



AMENDMENT VI .. the accused shall ... be informed of the nature and cause of the accusation..."



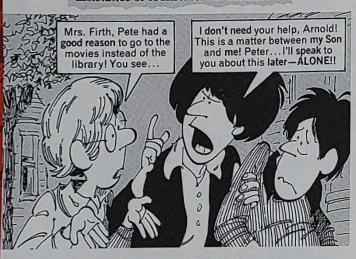
AMENDMENT VI "... the accused shall... have the assistance of counsel for his defense..."

NEVER What's wrong?!? Why Oh...aren't we "Miss Innocence"?!? I HEARD MIND told who told you WHAT?? what you two were doing down here!! are you what!! angry??

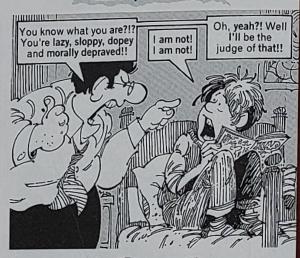
AMENDMENT VI "...the accused shall...be confronted

with the witnesses against him..."

AMENDMENT VII ... the right of trial by jury shall be preserved ...

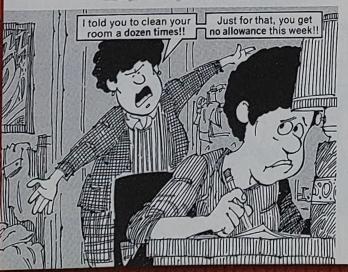


AMENDMENT VIII "...excessive fines (shall not be) imposed ...



AMENDMENT VIII .. cruel and unusual punishment (shall not be) inflicted ... "

What do you













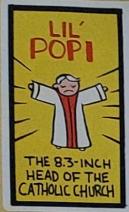
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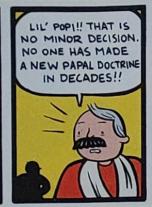




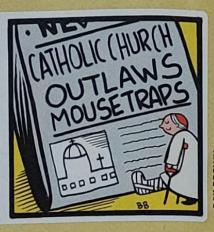
























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OF COURSE IT MATTERS! BUT, IF IT'S 'JUST A BULB; IT SHOULD ONLY TAKE ONE PERSON, UNLESS IT'S GOT COMPLICATED HOUSING OR THEY'RE AN IDIOT.

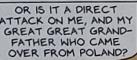


UNLESS YOU'RE
MAKING SOME JOKE
ABOUT POLAND. YOU
ARENT, ARE YOU? WELL, I-



NOBLE POLAND? POLAND WHICH S STILL TRYING TO RE-ESTABLISH A NATIONAL IDENTITY AFTER BEING SPLIT AS SPOILS BETWEEN NAZI GERMANY AND THE SOVIET UNION?









I WAS JUST HONESTLY CURIOUS. "ONE" YOU SAY? HM. I'D'VE GUESSED "ONE" AS WELL. THANK YOU.

OH WAIT. I FORGOT, YOU'D ALSO NEED TWO GUYS TO TURN THE STEPLADDER.















GOT YOUR NOSE



AM SO SORRY, AGNES!









DID A TRUCK HIT YOU? WAS IT A







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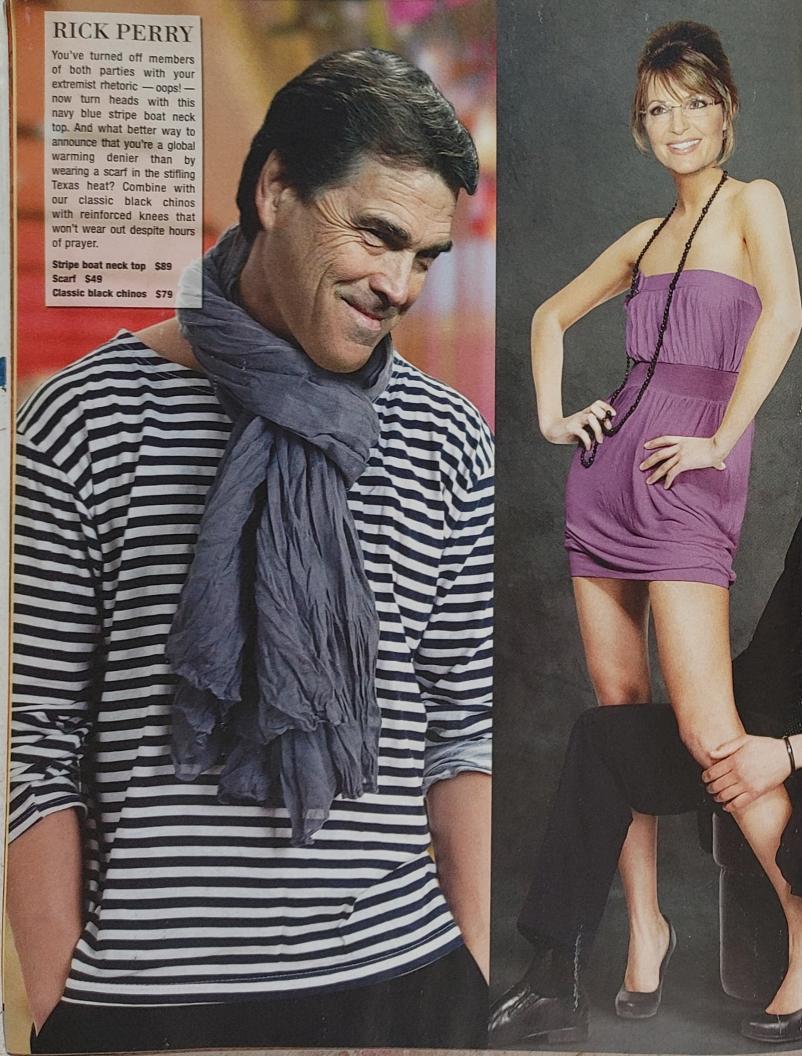
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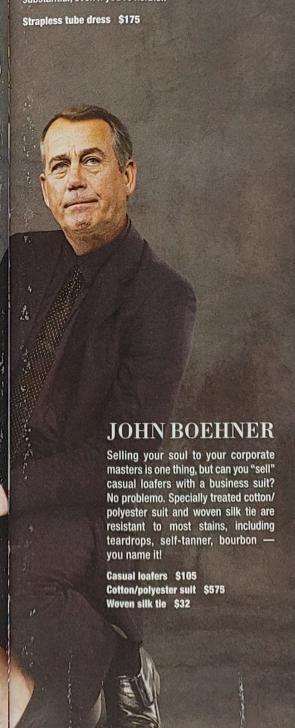
WRITER: FRANK SANTOPADRE

ARTIST: SCOTT BRICHER



SARAH PALIN

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Striped tank-top \$36 Madras shorts \$56

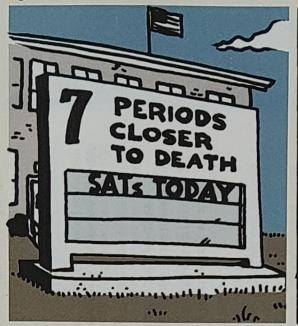
that's intelligent design!

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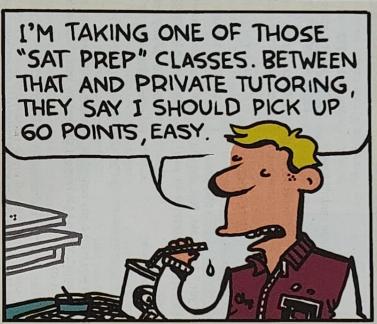
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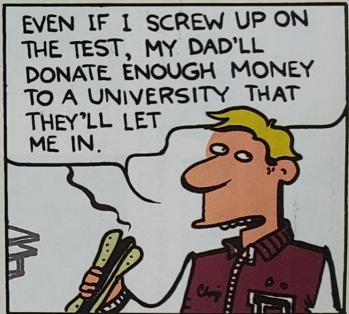
What's the "empty suit" wearing beneath the suit? Put an end to any "boxers or briefs?" speculation with our stylish poplin boxers, featuring a fun presidential seal design (nothing wrong with a little wishful thinking!). Loose fit accommodates whichever way you're "leaning" that day. And did someone say "lightweight"? Relax. We're just talking about the fabric.

Poplin boxers \$32













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I dunno. Either the Greeks were really used to look really creative, or bears different.

March 1, 2012

made the shape of a bear. Which "big bear," because apparently, In class today, I learned that the Big Dipper is part of a constellation called the Greeks thought the stars "Ursa Major", which means means they looked at this:





already figured out how to play three songs: Wy first piano lesson is tomorrow, but I've

- 1) If you play any two notes on the low end of the piano, it's the theme from "Jaws".
- 2) If you play any high note over and over and over again, it's the sound of a serial killer chasing someone through a house.
- 3) If you pound down a bunch of keys all at once, it's someone falling down stairs in a cartoon.
- I don't know why people make such a big deal out of composing music. It turns out it's pretty easy.

March 2, 2012

So, I came home from school today, and my mom said, "I have two surprises for you!"

piano." And she smiled and said, "No, not yet." And I said, "Oh, did you sign up for lessons?" And she said, "That's my second surprise for you!" Which automatically made me nervous, because my mom never says "I have a surprise for you" when it's something good. And then she said, "Go into the den!" So I went in there, and there was a piano in it. "I a piano, but I couldn't resist!" And I said, "None of us even play the was driving home and saw a sign that said 'PIANO - FREE TO GOOD HOME'!" she said. "I don't know why anyone would ever give away

Yes. My mom has signed me up for piano lessons.

This is why I hate my mom's surprises.

March 4, 2012

So, today was my first piano lesson. It was with a guy named Mr. Fitzhoff. He showed me which keys are which, and taught me how to play "Mary Had a Little Lamb". When I got home, I showed my sister Sophie. She said, "Oh, yeah! I remember learning to play that on the oboe! When I was six."

March 11, 2012

Today was Daylight Savings Time, so at 2 AM, the clocks sprung forward. I never understand the name "Daylight Savings" Time" – it's not like you get an extra hour of daylight out of it, or you're even saving any time for later. It's more like Daylight Put An Extra Hour on the Clock So You Can Take It Back In Seven Months Time." Anyway. I was really hoping that my mom wouldn't notice, so I could miss my piano lesson. But before I even got up this morning, Sophie had gone around the house and re-set all the clocks, because that's the sort of awful, helpful thing my sister does. My lesson went fine. Mr. Fitzhoff said that I should really practice more. I asked him how I'd know if I was practicing enough, and he said, "Well, when you can play more than three notes in a row correctly, that'd be a start." So that's good to know.

March 15, 2012

Today is the "Ides of March", which is a fancy way of saying "March 15." In English, Mr. Parker told us about this Shakespeare play where a soothsayer tells Julius Caesar, "Beware the ides of March," but he doesn't listen, couldn't he just say, "Hey, your friend's going to stab you and then he gets stabbed in the back by his best friend. have to say: That's a pretty crappy soothsayer. Why



March 18, 2012

("Oh, Mainly because, when I showed up, he sighed and said, "Oh, want to get any better at playing the piano. He told me that, when Piano lesson again today. I don't think Mr. Fitzhoff likes me. you grew up, huh?" And he paused for a really long time, and then "Wow. So you must've really wanted to be a piano teacher when right. You." He said that I really should practice a lot more, if I he was a kid, he practiced for two hours every day. And I said,

March 20, 2012

meaning to, but I never have the time." And she said, "You watched practicing the piano very much." And I said, "Yeah, I keep Tonight at dinner, my mom said, "Tad, I don't notice you Nobody wants to hear me practice." But that gave me an idea. all of 'Hawaii Five-O' last night. You could've practiced then.' And I was just about to say, "Yeah, but I can't play really well.

Tonight, after dinner, I sat down and practiced the piano. I practiced "Mary Had a Little Lamb," over and over, for a solid two hours. I never played it right once.

sounding even worse. My mom came in and asked me making sure that "Mary Had a Little Lamb" is if Mr. Fitzhoff had taught me any other songs. I told Another night of practicing. If anything, I'm her no, and then went back to playing it wrong.

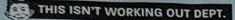
March 22, 2012

her, because she started turning the TV volume up. So I practiced even watching "Top Chef", and I could tell it was beginning to annov •• Still more practicing. Tonight, my mom was in the next room, ouder. And the more she turned up the TV, the louder I practiced.

my mom came in and said, "Tad? Honey? How much more do you think you'll be practicing today?" And I said, "My teacher says it sometimes doesn't even sound like a song anymore. After about a half an hour, takes years just to master one song." And her eye twitched a little, I point where I can play "Mary Had a Little Lamb" so badly, it and then she said, "You know what? I'm thinking maybe music isn't So I acted all sad, and then I went up to my room and made a sign: where your gifts lie. Maybe we should find another hobby for you." Today, I sat down and practiced again - I've gotten to the

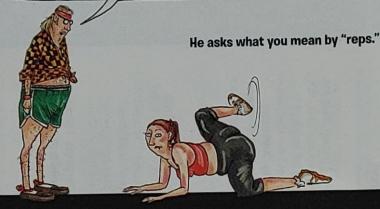


might be using I think we it soon.



Let's face it, you need to get in shape. But you can't do it alone — you're the one who got yourself into this mess! (Remember cheeseburger pancakes? That was YOUR idea!) You're gonna need a trainer! But before you pick one, you'd better keep an (increasingly-fat) eye out for these...

Oh, THOSE Reps. I thought we were talking about Lizards and stuff.



Clues You've Hired A Not-So-

I Look fat today, don't I? I am so GROTESQUE!

Her self-esteem is lower than yours.





Shouldn't we at Least watch, like, an exercise show? Nope. You burn the same amount of calories watching the OTB channel.



You're not getting the motivation you were counting on.

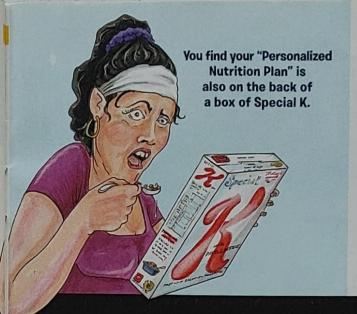
Jeesh, You know it Looks

Really mild out, and that can lead
to cramping. I think we should
just do some stretches and make

some healthy smoothies.



When it's time to exercise, she's even better at making excuses than you are.





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So, this will replenish
my electrolytes?

Um, oh, totally-and it washes down nachos Really good too.



You've never heard of re-hydrating with Dr Pepper before. Whoz-perfect form! Are You sure You never did this before?



He swears the bean bag chair gets far better results than the yoga ball.

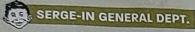
... Yeah, it acts as a calming agent to Your exhausted heart.

WRITER AND ARTIST: TERESA BURNS PARKHURST





Part of the "cool down" is a Marlboro Light.



Serzio Arazones
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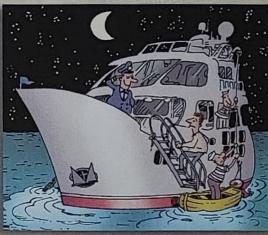












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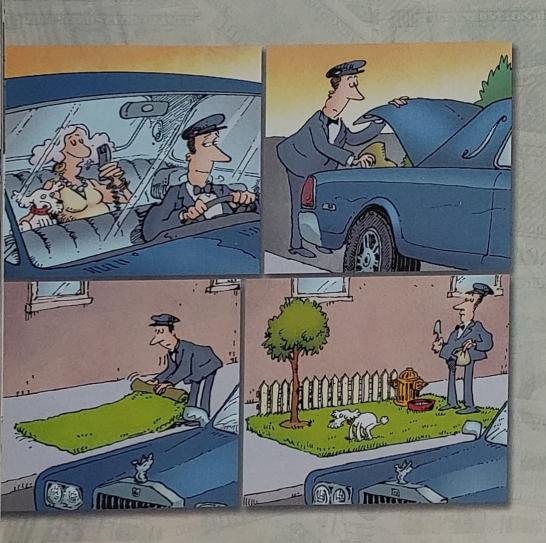
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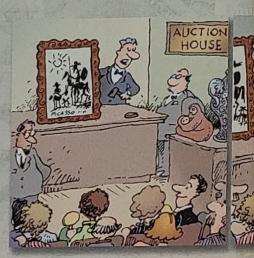






















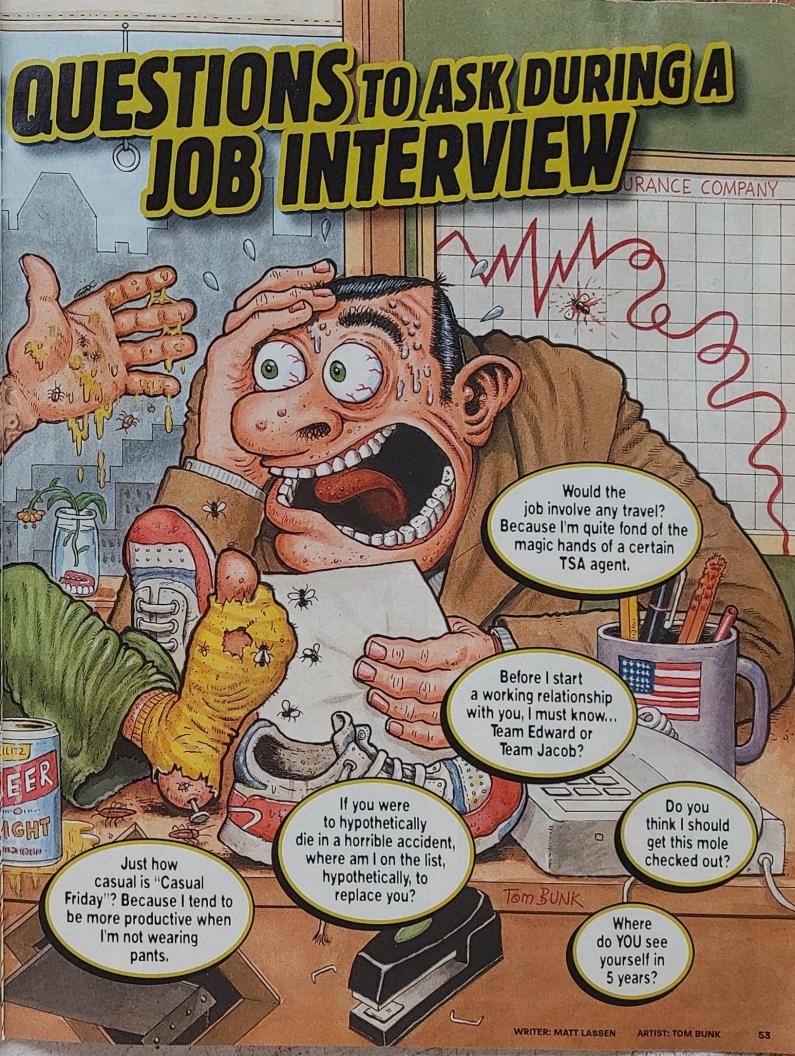






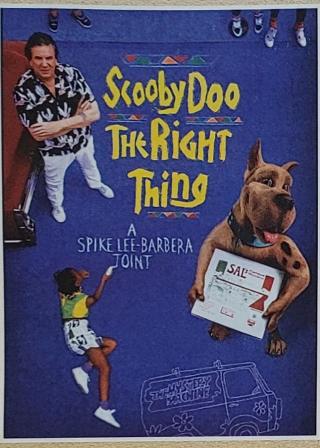


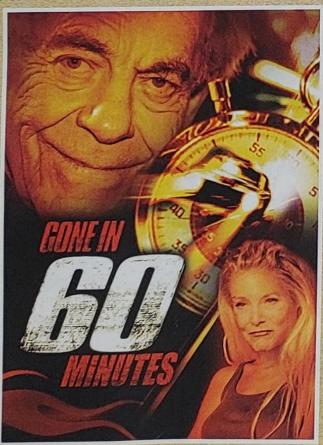


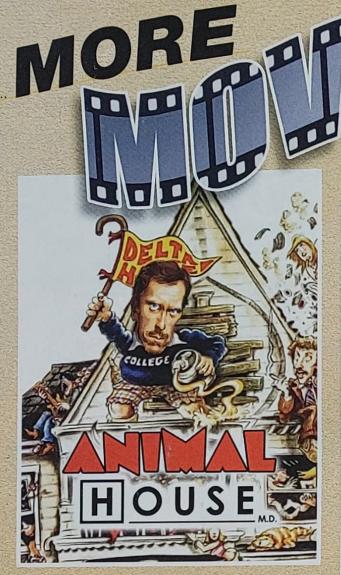


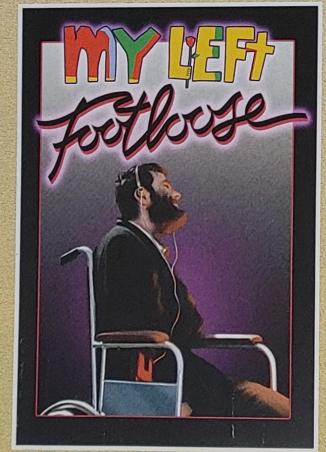


A few issues back we published a scathing indictment on the unimaginative film industry and its propensity to make sequel upon sequel upon sequel. We continue our puckish criticism of this horrendous practice with this sequel article...





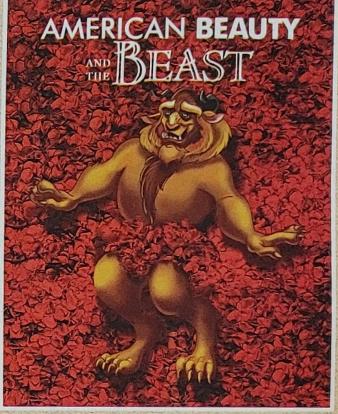






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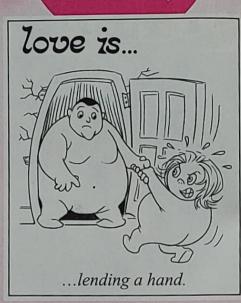




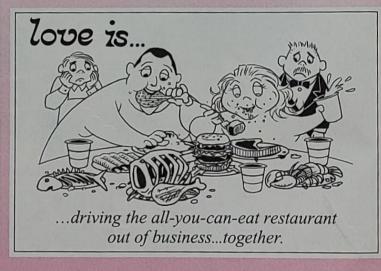
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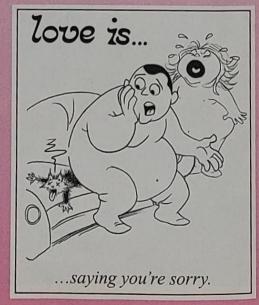










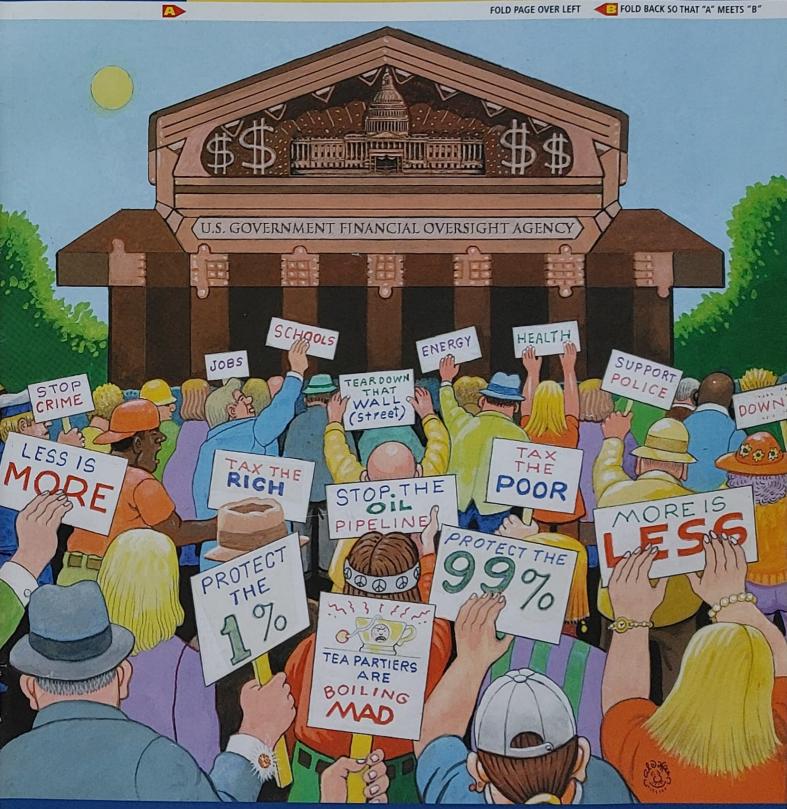


WHAT POLITICAL MOVEMENT HAVE POLITICIANS FROM BOTH PARTIES EMBRACED?

HERE WE GO WITH ANOTHER RIDICULOUS

These are tumultuous political times. The country is divided, and every day there's a new group or ideology that unites some people while alienating others. For a politician, it's an art form to ingratiate yourself with these people without being despised by their opponents. Thankfully, there's at least one movement that every politician — regardless of party — is able to agree on!





TODAY, POLITICAL FIGHTS ARE BITTER. WE ALL ACHE FOR MORE CIVILITY. BUT WHAT WE GET IS NASTY LIP SERVICE BLAMING EACH OTHER. THEY ALL KEEP FLINGING HEAPING AMOUNTS OF MUD WITHOUT STOP

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